

SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 135

1 July 1952

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Pack	Army
Col. Kirgis	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
25X1A9a. Rush	Air Force
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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2. The Vice-Chairman announced that the production goal of 55 sections for June had been exceeded by 3 sections as of 27 June, and that the final count for the month was expected to be at least 70 sections. He stated that production for the month was already the highest yet attained in any one month, and brings the total for the year to 416 sections, or the equivalent of approximately 6½ complete NIS.

3. The Vice-Chairman distributed copies of the FY 1953 Production Schedule, and stated that additional copies, as required by the agencies, will be furnished.

4. In accordance with the request of the Vice-Chairman, the members submitted comments regarding the factors which affected NIS production in their respective agencies during FY 1952. A summary of these comments will be included in the Annual Report.

5. The Vice-Chairman referred to the Committee's decision regarding the treatment to be accorded Vatican City in NIS 17 (Italy). (Refer to paragraph 4, NIS Committee Meeting No. 130.) The decision was that the Vatican would be covered in the conventional sections of NIS 17 (Italy) with special treatment within sections to cover situations peculiar to Vatican City. Members were informed that State questioned the feasibility of such treatment, particularly as it applies to Chapters IV (Sociological) and V (Political). With respect to these two NIS elements State proposed that the Vatican be treated as a whole, rather than on a piecemeal basis in each section of these chapters. State pointed out that the Vatican was recognized as a separate political entity, and that it was also the headquarters of an international organization. Therefore, a connected analysis of all significant aspects of the Vatican seemed more desirable than partial treatments under a number of different sections. After a full discussion of the State proposal, the Committee approved the following plan for special

treatment of the Vatican in Chapters IV and V of NIS 17:

a. Two new Sections, to be designated NIS 17, Sections 40S and 50S, will be introduced within the present framework of the Outline Guide. These two sections will cover the Vatican City portions of the study on NIS 17.

b. Sections 40 and 50 of NIS 17 will carry a cross-reference to the two sections on Vatican City.

c. Sections 40S and 50S will be produced and disseminated separately from the Sections 40 and 50 of NIS 17.

6. The State member asked that the Committee consider the question of declassification of NIS Gazetteers. He pointed out that the Gazetteers had originally been classified primarily to prevent commercial publishing companies from having access to them, and, further, since the words NIS Program were classified the Gazetteers also had to be classified because these words appear in them. With the recent declassification of the words NIS Program, it is felt that the Restricted classification could now be lifted from the Gazetteers. The State member said that as several non-IAC Agencies are producing NIS, the Gazetteers would be more readily available to them if the classification were removed, and that a wider dissemination to producing components was highly desirable. The Air Force member stated that some of the content of the Gazetteers is considered military information by his agency, and for this reason he felt that the Restricted classification must remain. The Navy member concurred in this viewpoint, and the Committee agreed to hold to the present classification.

7. The Vice-Chairman informed the members that in accordance with his agreement, and their expressed desire, he had examined the possibility of returning manuscript copies of published NIS elements to the producing agencies. He stated that for several years all originals of graphic material had been returned to the producing agency, and that henceforth the edited copy of the text would also be returned thirty days after publication of the NIS element concerned. While this edited copy of the text will not, in itself, indicate the actual amount of editorial work that went into the finished product, it should be helpful to some extent in enabling producers to determine reasons for the qualitative adequacy ratings.

25X1X7 8. The Army member advised that 25X1X71 a representative of his agency had been requested to obtain information on the FY 1953 25X1X71 Production Schedule for NIS Chapters II. The Vice-Chairman stated that 25X1X71 had been receiving copies of the NIS Production Schedules under agreements reached in 1949, and that he believed 25X1X71 would receive the FY 1953 schedule under that original arrangement. He

undertook to look into the matter and to advise the Army member as to what action will be required in the matter.

9. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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